Staff use only	Date:	# of prizes distributed:

Summer 2021

Tales & Trails

Summer Reading Program from the Missouri Botanical Garden

Name: _____ School: _____

Age and Grade: _____ Home zip code: _____

(Grade you will be entering in the 2021–2022 school year)

Get out, read, and explore!

WHO: Love nature? Love nature books? Love nature trails? Then Tales & Trails is for you!

WHY: Why not?

HOW: Grab your favorite nature books, dress for the weather, and head out to your favorite nature space. Complete at least six (6) Tales & Trails adventures, and document them in this reading log. For suggestions on books, check out Finn the Frog's favorites on the back cover.

WHERE: Whether it's your backyard or local park, nature can be found all around you. Pick a favorite spot or go on an adventure to find a new one.

WHEN: The 2021 Tales & Trails experience runs from **June 1–August 31**. Keep this log in a handy spot all summer to track your progress and adventures!

Win a Tales & Trails Fun Pack!

Complete all of the Tales & Trails and bring this log to one of our three locations (BASED ON STAFFING AND REOPENING OF ALL SITES; redemption time extended due to closure unknowns). To redeem your prize at the Garden, please see Membership Services. You'll get lots of nature-inspired goodies, including admission tickets! One prize pack per participating child. Redeem by September 30, 2021. While supplies last. Redeemable same day.

Missouri Botanical Garden

Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

Shaw Nature Reserve

Held in partnership with St. Louis Public Libraries, St. Louis County Libraries, and BiodiverseCity St. Louis.

READING LOG

Record your reading adventures and share them on social media with the tag #MBGTalesandTrails!

☐ Tale & Trail #1

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

☐ Tale & Trail #2

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

☐ Tale & Trail #3

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

☐ Tale & Trail #4

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

☐ **Tale & Trail #5**

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

☐ **Tale & Trail #6**

Date: _____

Location: _____

Book: _____

_____

Author: _____

Notes and nature sketches:

What is your favorite nature book and outdoor place?

_____

Words matter. We want your opinion! Nature words are dropping out of our dictionaries and our everyday language. What nature words are your favorite and why? To learn about these dropped words, read *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane and help bring these words back to life!

_____

EBOOK RESOURCES:

If you have a City or County Library card, visit their eMedia pages to download books. Books listed here are found in either EBSCOhost or OverDrive for kids. Please remember to return the book when finished so someone else can enjoy it.

St Louis City Library eMedia	slpl.org/resources-types/ebooks
St Louis County Library eMedia	slcl.org/emedia

If you don't live in the St. Louis area you can download free books from:

Project Gutenberg	gutenberg.org	These are older classics like *Treasure Island* and *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. To find children's books click on the Bookshelves link on the left.
Open Library	openlibrary.org	Look for the K–12 Student Library button towards the top and you will be able to search for books by grade and reading level. Click on the resource guides link to search by age, grade, and topic.
Barnes & Noble	barnesandnoble.com	Search for free eBooks. They have a page for kids categorized by age. You will need a Nook Device or the Nook app to read these books.
Amazon	amazon.com/ kindle-ebooks	Amazon has some free eBooks for children. Search for free children's eBooks. A few of these books are for kindle unlimited members and you will be asked to join with a free trial membership.

Tales & Trails

FINN'S FAVORITES

Where to find them: ● EBSCOhost ● Libby *(both St. Louis Public City Library and St. Louis County Library)*

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	ACTIVITY	ONLINE	CITY OR COUNTY
PreK–Kindergarten				
Give Bees a Chance	Bethany Barton	Spend some time looking for bees, how many can you find?	●	county
This Tree Counts	Alison Formento	Look for a tree around your house or in your neighborhood, how many animals so you see using the tree?	●	both
Maxwell Moose's Mountain Monster	Barbara DeRubertis	Maxwell loved camping with his friends, draw a picture of what you and your friends love to do outdoors.	●	both
Grades 1–2				
Butterflies Are Pretty…Gross	Rosemary Mosco	How many butterflies can you find near your house or in your neighborhood?	●	city
We Planted a Tree	Diane Muldrow	Watch a tree through the seasons, how does it change?	●	county
Hike	Pete Oswald	Without using any words, create a book about something you love to do outdoors.	●	both
Grades 3–5				
The Monarchs Are Missing: A Butterfly Mystery	Rebecca E. Hirsch	Observe a prairie and sketch what you see.	●	both
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss	Walk around the Garden, and find trees from around the world.	●	both
The Wisdom of Trees	Lita Judge	Use natural materials in your neighborhood park to build something useful.	●	county
For Families of All Ages				
Treecology: 30 Activities and Observations for Exploring the World of Trees and Forests	Monica Russo, Kevin Bryon		●	both
Birding Is My Favorite Video Game: Cartoons About the Natural World from Bird and Moon	Rosemary Mosco		●	both
The Outdoor Scientist	Temple Grandin, Ph.D.		●	county

How did you find out about this program? ☐ mobot.org ☐ Library ☐ School ☐ Friend
☐ Missouri Botanical Garden ☐ Butterfly House ☐ Shaw Nature Reserve ☐ Other: _____

Is this your first year participating? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email address to receive a survey: _____

Family member signature: _____